

The United Music Teachers of N.S.W. Inc.



NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER January 2018

Dear Members,
Happy New Year! All of this year's events are listed in the Diary attached although some details are yet to be finalised.

At our Morning Tea (19th February) our guest speaker will be Dr Mariamma Mitchell who will share her expertise on the classical style, which was the subject of her PhD thesis. Please stay for the North Shore AGM immediately following the Morning Tea.

We have our usual range of concerts, master classes and professional development lectures to look forward to. We are pleased to announce that Tamara Anna Cislowska will present a master class for us in July. We are negotiating with Tim Topham to present a professional development lecture in early May.

Many thanks go to those teachers who assisted us with events over the course of last year. Special thanks go to Linda Gondo and Lorraine Samuel for arranging the performance festivals, and Pamela Hinde who generously donates her concert venue for our use.

Our two non-competitive concerts are open to all students. They are always happy occasions. Written assessments will be given to all performers unless teachers request otherwise. These concerts are the Autumn Festival on 25th March and the Spring Festival on 2nd September.

We cannot exist without the support of parents, students and teachers, so a big thankyou to all who have helped during 2017. Please come to the Planning Meeting in November.

Felicity Martin

Diary Dates for 2018

Monday 19th February at 9.45am: Morning Tea, talk by Dr Mariamma Mitchell on "The Classical Style", followed by the North Shore Branch AGM. At the home of Erica Booker, 72 Eton Road, Lindfield. RSVP to flissmar49@gmail.com or 0422076655.

Sunday 25th March at 2.30pm: Autumn Festival – Non-competitive and inclusive of all grades.

Sunday 6th May: Proposed date for professional development lecture from Tim Topham, to be confirmed. Organizer Dr Margaret McMurtry, phone 9872 3279.

Sunday 17th June at 1pm and 3pm: North Shore Branch holds its auditions for the United Music Teachers Awards and the Roger Woodward Awards.

Sunday 24th June at 12 noon, and 2.00, and 2.45pm: UMT Awards final, President's Award and Roger Woodward Awards final.

Sunday 8th July at 2pm: Senior Master Class with Tamara Anna Cislowska.

Sunday 12th August at 2pm: Performance Day at Pitt Street Uniting Church. Written assessments by Dr Mariamma Mitchell on request. There will also be a Teachers' Concert.

Sunday 2nd September: Spring Festival (non-competitive performance.)

Monday 26th November 10.30am: Planning meeting at Coonanbarra Café Wahroonga. Please come and help us plan the events of 2018.

Details of events and instructions for entry will be provided at the beginning of the school term.